

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20-002

BY SENATOR(S) Lundeen and Fields, Gardner, Gonzales, Bridges, Cooke, Coram, Crowder, Danielson, Donovan, Fenberg, Foote, Ginal, Hisey, Holbert, Lee, Marble, Moreno, Priola, Rankin, Rodriguez, Scott, Smallwood, Sonnenberg, Story, Tate, Todd, Williams A., Woodward, Zenzinger, Garcia; also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Van Winkle and Sirota, Michaelson Jenet, Arndt, Baisley, Benavidez, Bird, Bockenfeld, Buck, Buckner, Buentello, Caraveo, Carver, Coleman, Cutter, Duran, Esgar, Exum, Froelich, Garnett, Geitner, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Gray, Herod, Holtorf, Hooton, Humphrey, Jackson, Kennedy, Kipp, Kraft-Tharp, Landgraf, Larson, Liston, Lontine, McCluskie, McKean, Melton, Mullica, Neville, Pelton, Ransom, Rich, Roberts, Saine, Sandridge, Singer, Snyder, Soper, Sullivan, Titone, Valdez A., Valdez D., Weissman, Will, Williams D., Wilson, Young, Becker.

CONCERNING THE SUPPORT OF THE "I LOVE U GUYS" FOUNDATION.

WHEREAS, The "I Love U Guys" foundation was created in 2006 by Ellen and John-Michael Keyes following the death of their daughter, Emily Keyes, during a school shooting at Platte Canyon High School in Bailey, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, During the time Emily Keyes was held hostage, she sent her parents a text message that said "I love u guys"; and

WHEREAS, In honor of Emily Keyes' kindness, dignity, and grace, her parents established the "I Love U Guys" foundation to advance student and school safety; and

WHEREAS, In 2009 the foundation began developing programs and initiatives to increase school safety, as well as the supporting materials necessary to advance those programs, including standard response protocols, training, and informational presentations; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the foundation and its school safety programs is to protect the joy of youth by focusing on kindness, community, and responsibility, both at the individual and community levels; and

WHEREAS, To that end, in collaboration with experts in the fields of education, law enforcement, emergency response, and psychology, the foundation has developed research and evidence-based real-world solutions that can be brought to the classroom to facilitate school and community safety and promote family reunification following a crisis; and

WHEREAS, The foundation's programs have been implemented by over 25,000 schools, agencies, and organizations across the United States and Canada, and the foundation hosts two yearly national school safety symposiums that focus on proactive, considered, and effective methods of keeping schools safe; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, support the mission of the "I Love U Guys" foundation and the invaluable programs the foundation works to implement to promote the advancement of school safety and to preserve the joy of youth.

Leroy M. Garcia

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